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All recipients and Kiwanis of Palm Beach Members



Kiwanis President Evan Geel, former president Patrick Melchior with Paul Croes and Officer Kramers

The ongoing campaign of Kiwanis of Palm Beach for the dedicated use of safety seats for children concluded their

2010 series of donations on Wednesday afternoon at the Paseo Herencia Shopping Center in Palm Beach. Kiwanis members were joined by President of Aruba's Parliament, Paul Croes, a proud member of their chapter, who participated in the awarding of 20 auto safety seats to families with young children for whom it would a difficult expense.

The Kiwanis of Palm Beach began their campaign for island parents to always use safety seats for their children two years ago, and have given away well over 100 car seats since then.

Aruba Police Force officer follows Interpol course in **Barbados**



BRIDGETOWN, Barbados -Recently, different officials of 19 Caribbean countries followed a "Mobile Police Training Program" (IMPTP) course given by Interpol. The course was organized by the department of police training of Interpol Lyon with the support of Interpol Barbados (NCB Bridgetown) and financial backing of the Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Canada. Duration of the course was three weeks, with different topics, among others, operational aspects of international collaboration and the use Continued on page 3 of Interpol instruments and

services like the I-24/7 system and its data bank.

Another aspect attended during the course was presentation techniques and regional structures of the police organization. The instructors are from Interpol Lyon, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and other organizations.

Interpol (NCB Oranjestad) official and Superintendent, Mrs. Sue-Jeen Sophia-Dania followed the course and successfully obtained her certifi-

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In blow to Obama, allies reject tax deal

WASHINGTON (AFP) - In a blow to US President Barack Obama, his Democratic allies in the House of Representatives voted yesterday to reject a compromise he reached with Republicans to avert a massive New Year's tax hike.

Despite an unrelenting White House charm offensive, House Democrats declared behind closed doors, by voice vote, that the framework deal was unacceptable in its current form, ensuring it could not pass this year absent key changes.

"We will continue discussions with the President and our Democratic and Republican colleagues in the days ahead of improve the proposal before it comes to the House floor for a vote," said Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

At the White House, spokesman Robert Gibbs played down the rejection, saying the president shared some

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of his allies' concerns, but predicted "I think at the end of the day this will get done."

"If everybody took out what they didn't like, we would have nothing. And we know the consequences of doing nothing," he said, referring to the political price of letting taxes rise on all Americans come January 1.

Shortly before the vote, Obama warned that if lawmakers defeat the accord, "Americans will see it in smaller paychecks that will have the effect of fewer jobs" and urged approval of "this essential priority."

In the deal, Obama agreed to extend tax cuts for the richest sliver of US earners for two years in return for doing the same for the middle-class while extending unemployment benefits for 13 months.

Many Democrats denounced the planned extension on income over 250,000 dollars for families and 200,000 for individuals as well as the way the deal rolls back the US estate tax on all but a tiny number of the very richest Americans, saying those funds could go to reduce the deficit.

In the US Senate, Democrats planned to introduce their own bill later in the day, including "some changes" to the compromise Obama reached with Republicans, according to a senior aide, who did not elaborate.

The White House and Republicans have resisted calls to change the deal, which would extend tax cuts enacted in 2001 and 2003 with a built-in January 1, 2011 expiration date when rates rise to their previous levels.

Panama Canal reopens after first closure in 20 years

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AFP) - The Panama Canal reopened yesterday, one day after after heavy rains forced its first closure in over two decades, officials said.

The 17-hour suspension had been ordered after heavy rains swelled nearby lakes flowing into the key transport route that handles five percent of global trade.

"The canal is now operating; the suspension was the result of inclement weather around the canal basin," said canal administrator Alberto Aleman Zubieta.

The Panama Canal Authority on Wednesday said downpours had filled the Gatun and Alhajuela lakes to historic levels, forcing it to suspend traffic for the first time since 1989.

Passage through sections of the canal have been temporarily blocked on other occasions as a result of accidents, but not operations along the entire length of the canal, as was the case Wednesday.

The last time the canal was closed was during the 1989 US invasion of the Central American nation.

Recent floods from heavy rains here have collapsed bridges, destroyed homes and caused disruptions to electrical and water supply.

At least eight people have died across Panama -- including two girls who drowned in a river -- as a result of the heaviest rains to strafe the country in the 73 years that records have been kept.

Panamanian officials also said that at least 1,500 people have been left homeless by the floods, caused by downpours which have afflicted all of Latin America, after the La Niña weather phenomenon which carried cooler-thannormal water to the region.

Arctic blast causes European travel chaos

PARIS, France (AFP) - Icy roads paralysed much of the Paris region yesterday after the heaviest snow in a quarter of a century, while harsh weather in Germany hit flights and prompted major delays in rail travel.

French Interior Minister Brice Hortefeux asked drivers not to travel unless absolutely necessary the day after 11 centimetres (more than four inches) of snow fell Wednesday on Paris, the most in one day since 1987.

He said around 1,000 motorists had to spend the night snow-bound in their cars, although that figure paled in comparison with the 60,000 who slept in their cars during a 2003 blizzard.

Thousands spent the night at Charles de Gaulle airport after their flights were cancelled, and thousands more stranded motorists were put up in municipal halls and school sports halls around the Paris region.

The Eiffel Tower reopened after ice forced its closure on Wednesday.

In Germany heavy snowfall sparked chaos in the country's transport networks, with hundreds of flights cancelled and major delays for rail passengers, authorities said.

Wintry conditions prompted the shutdown of Frankfurt international airport, Germany's busiest, late yesterday, a spokeswoman said.

Nearly 3,000 people were stranded in Frankfurt and slept at nearby hotels or the airport itself, where beds were set up, and had to be rebooked. Of the nearly 1,400 flights scheduled today, 400 were cancelled.

In Berlin some 200 flights were scrapped at the two main international airports, about one-third of those scheduled, a spokesman said.

Train travel was hit by major delays, with high-speed trains forced to slow to 160 kilometres (100 miles) per hour from the 250 kilometers per hour in normal conditions, the state-owned rail company said.

Snow and ice on the roads provoked thousands of accidents and major traffic jams on the autobahns, including a 40-kilometre-long bottleneck in the central state of Thuringia.

Britain also suffered from the early cold snap that descended on Europe, with Scotland the worst hit by the snow and ice that paralysed many roads earlier in the week.

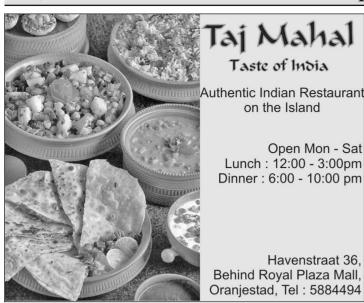
"It is the most widespread heavy snow in Britain in November since 1965. The weather in December has continued on a similar note," said a spokesman for the Met Office, the national forecasters for Britain



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Come ring in the New Year with dance festivities!





Kozlov Dance International, USA, will present New Year's Gala on Saturday, January 1st @ 9:00pm and Sunday, January 2nd @ 4:00pm in the ballroom of the Occidental Hotel.

The New Year's Gala will feature excerpts from the holiday classic ballet, The Nutcracker, as well as Leonid Kozlov's lavish production of the fairytale, The Firebird. The performances are sure to delight with stunning costumes and scenery direct from the Bolshoi Theater Workshop in Moscow, Russia and the stellar dancing by Kozlov Dance International dancers.

Husband and wife, Leonid and Adriana Kozlov, who direct Kozlov Dance International, will star in the production. Leonid Kozlov, a principal dancer with the Bolshoi Ballet in Russia, New York City Ballet, and a Broadway star, has been presenting

top quality productions in Aruba for the past 4 years, bringing world renowned dancers to perform for Aruban audiences.

Joining the production this January is Albert Davydov, principal dancer with the New Jersey Ballet. Albert began his ballet training in Russia. He has traveled extensively as a guest artist performing in Europe and the US. He has won numerous prizes at prestigious international ballet competitions. Mr. Davydov will partner, the talented Sofie Greenbaum, in the crowd pleasing Flames of Paris pas de deux. Ms. Greenbaum is the recent gold medalist at the Sixth Youth Dance Festival of NJ. Rounding out the cast is a talented group of dancers from Kozlov Dance International performing in The Firebird and Nutcracker Suite as well as dancers from the Club di Movimiento of Aruba, performing a stellar contemporary piece, entitled "Earth".

Tickets are now on sale for the performances are \$20 U.S (35 Arubian florins) and may be purchased at the concierges' desk at the Occidental Hotel or at the Van Dorp Bookstores (Caya Milio Croes, Holiday Inn, Divi Resort). Groups can also order tickets by calling on Aruba, 593-6362.

For more information visit their website: www.dancearuba.com.



Mr. Mario Bikker appointed as Director Airport Development

ORANJESTAD – The Aruba Airport Authority N.V. is pleased to announce that its sole shareholder, the Government of Aruba, has appointed Mr. Mario G. Bikker as Director Airport Development of the company. As per January 1, 2011 Mr. Peter Steinmetz as General Managing Director and Mr. Bikker as Director Airport Development will jointly form the Board of Directors of the Aruba Airport Authority N.V.

Mr. Bikker is an engineer with ample experience in the

airport business. He was born in Aruba and studied engineering in the Netherlands. Mr. Bikker started his career at the airport in 1978 as Deputy Chief of the Fire Department and was transferred to the Government's department in charge of operating the Queen Beatrix International Airport in 1983. Since then Mr. Bikker assumed various positions within this department and later on, after the corporatization of this airport department in 1997, in the newly formed Aruba Airport Authority N.V.



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Their efforts also include television and radio infomercials, stickers and banners. They work in concert with Aruba's White-Yellow Cross, an organization that sees to infant development, vaccinations and wellness care for the first years after birth.

Families with young children can register with the White-Yellow Cross to receive a child seat from Kiwanis if it is beyond their means. The organizations are lobbying to have laws passed which will make the safety seats manda-

tory as well as placing children under twelve to large for seats in the rear of the auto when on the road. At present, these are not traffic regulations in Aruba, but it is pending. Present for the end of the year donations were Monique Geel of the White-Yellow Cross and Officer Kramers of the Aruban Police, who are working closely with the Kiwanis of Palm Beach on this project. White-Yellow Cross makes sure that each family receives a car seat that is age-appropriate for their children.

Kiwanis President Evan Geel began with the presentations, and members of the Child Seat Committee along with Paul Croes distributed the seats to happy parents who now can enjoy the gift of knowing their child will be protected while in the car.

Officer Kramers stated he was available to all parents to instruct them in the proper use of the seats; they need only stop by his station to request assistance.

by Rosalie Klein

African Union suspends Ivory Coast

ABIDJAN (AFP) – The African Union suspended Ivory Coast from its ranks Thursday and the United States warned of sanctions, further isolating Laurent Gbagbo as he defied calls to quit power following disputed polls.

The decision by the African bloc (AU) came after the UN Security Council and senior African leaders said Gbagbo should abandon efforts to cling to office in the wake of the November 28 run-off against former premier Alassane Ouattara.

A letter from US President Barack Obama to Gbagbo meanwhile "made clear that if he makes the wrong choice ... we would look at possible sanctions against him and others if necessary," State Department spokesman Philip Crowley said.

AU Peace and Security
Commissioner Ramtane
Lamamra told reporters at the
AU's Addis Ababa headquarters: "The decision which was
taken was to suspend Ivory
Coast from participating in the
activities of the African Union
until the democratically

elected president Alassane Ouattara takes power."

The 53-nation bloc's decision capped Gbagbo's growing diplomatic isolation, while the US message intensified international threats to squeeze him.

Kenya's Prime Minister Raila Odinga demanded Gbagbo accept defeat and urged the world to hold him responsible for the bloody "chaos" since the run-off.

France meanwhile said it was on alert to evacuate thousands of its nationals from the former French colony if the situation turned ugly, its Defence Minister Alain Juppe said.

"For now violence and tensions have been avoided, and I'm glad about that," he said in Brussels. "There has not been any particular threat aimed at our citizens but this (evacuation) mechanism is on alert."

The United Nations has already ordered 460 non-essential staff out of the country and foreign companies have evacuated expatriates.

Gbagbo, who retains nominal control of the army and state television, has shown no signs of relaxing his 10-year

grip on power in the West African cocoa producer, and unveiled his new government on Wednesday.

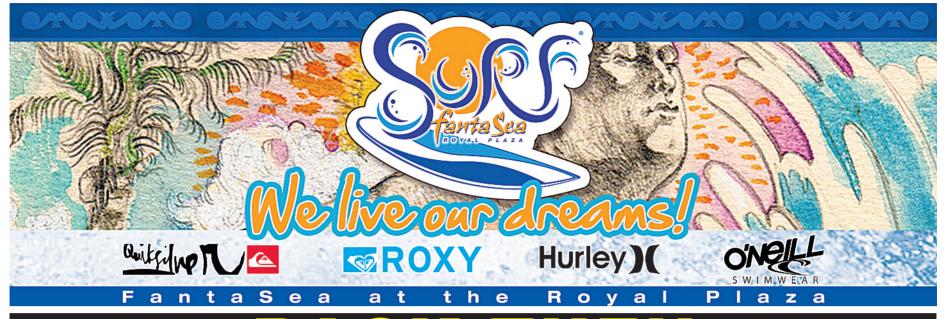
Ouattara has named a rival government, and his prime minister Guillaume Soro said it had begun replacing ambassadors in key countries, and "taking measures" to gain control of public finances.

Odinga, speaking on the sidelines of climate talks in Cancun, Mexico, said Ivory Coast faced "a tragedy Africa cannot afford", as Kenya followed South Africa, the continent's biggest economic power, in rallying behind Ouattara.

"The international community must hold Mr Gbagbo responsible for the chaos, the loss of lives and destruction of property" in Ivory Coast, Odinga said.

Clashes surrounding the election left at least 20 people dead, according to Amnesty International.

The UN Security Council late Wednesday gave its backing to Ouattara, an international seal of recognition for the leader from the northern, mostly Muslim, half of the divided country.



on the naming of the island. Perhaps it was by the Spanish



In 1972, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and ALM Dutch Antillean Airlines (now defunct) published a small paperback entitled edition KLM/ALM Guide To The Dutch Caribbean.

The section about Aruba has some delightful descriptions of the island back then. "The Big Beach With The Tiny

Island" starts by stating that "the first sight of Aruba by air is a long, curving, gleaming ribbon of sand so white and the water so clear you almost wish you had a parachute so you cold jump in right there and then. Can it really be that beautiful when you get close? You bet."

Conquistadores in 1499 from "Oro Uba" ("there is gold"): or possibly "ora" (shell) and "oubao" (island), The Island of Shells. A later thought suggested that the name be changed to Esso-uba, when in 1929 the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey opened the Lago refinery, "not a token plant, but the largest refinery in the world at that time." It is clearly stated to visitors reading the book that "the refinery is on the opposite end of the from the beaches, and the trusty trade winds make sure The book offers thoughts that the exhaust gases are wafted far across the sea, away from the beaches, away from vacationers."

Golf, they stated then, was "strictly for addicts, people whose hands begin to shake after two days without a club."

With only the 9-hole Lago Club available, it was nevertheless considered a "unique" experience because of the oiled greens.

They neglected to add that one of the reasons for that was to keep the free-roaming goats from their daily excursions always searching for a good grassy meal. There were penalties if a stray shot hit a goat that were determined by the club's staff and the owner of the goat.

"Like all good Dutch islands, Aruba has its quota of Chinese, Italian, French, Javanese and American restaurants.

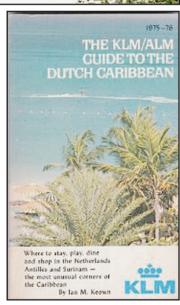
There are restaurants in a windmill, a houseboat, and on the beach....there are only two types, open-air and air-conditioned". A rave review was given to Le Petite Bistro at the Aruba Caribbean Hotel/now Radisson. "It's a handsome restaurant (not a bistro in the strict sense) with a modern tricouleur decor, an immense chef de cuisine. (M. Lebrun. who put in time in Paris's



Hotel du Crillon, Hotel Georges V, and Restaurant Prunier), a tastevin-toting sommelier, and efficient service. The five-course, prix-fixe dinner costs a stiff \$15 (plus 10% service charge) and gives you a generous choice of gourmet items (too mouthwatering to list in today's edition.)

Nightlife lists "supperclubs" (their spelling) at the few hi-rise hotels. "The granddaddy of Aruba supperclubs is the Klompen Club at the Aruba Caribbean (Tony Martin, Patachou, Liberace); the brassiest is Holiday Inn's Palm Beach Room; and the most elegant is the huge red-gold Rembrandt room at the Aruba Sheraton". A "gala" evening which includes dinner, wine and dancing cost \$10 per person.

"For most of the year (high



season December to April not included) you can have a double room in a Palm Beach resort for as little as \$20 a day (+5% room tax)."



Baby Beach with the Lago Refinery in background



With financial help from Aruba Scholarship Foundation

Denyse Fingal Becomes First Aruban Female Executive Chef



Chef de Partie, Denyse Fingal, with some of her "chef's oeuvres."



Denyse proudly shows off more of her dishes.



Chef Denyse Fingal' signature dish: Seared Miso Seabass with shimiji mushrooms and sweet miso glaze sauce.

Four years ago, in an interview with the selection committee of the Aruba Scholarship Foundation, Denyse Fingal declared that her dream was to become the first female Aruban executive chef. With much hard work and financial assistance from Aruba Scholarship Foundation, this year Denyse has made her dream come true.

Recently the prestigious Divi Links' WINDOW ON ARUBA Restaurant employed her as Chef de Partie after she had successfully completed her studies of culinary arts at Johnson and Whales University of North Miami, Florida.

Denyse is the daughter of Kenneth and Yolanda Fingal of Kibaima 15, Santa Cruz. She graduated from EPI-Hospitality in 2006 and now hopes to help her Aruban alma mater as chef in the future.

Aruba Scholarship Foundation congratulates Denyse and her parents for her historic achievement. For more information about the Aruba Scholarship Foundation, please contact clydeharms@yahoo.com.



Andrew Napolitano honored at the Playa Linda Resort



Recently, Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) honored Andrew Napolitano as Distinguished Visitor of Aruba. The honor was bestowed on him for his 10th consecutive visit to our island. During a small ceremony at the Playa Linda Beach Resort, ATA rep. Ricardo Croes handed Mr. Napolitano a certificate as a 'thank you' gesture for his love and loyalty to Aruba. Also present was Playa Linda Associate Ivette.

Sci-Tech

South Africa unveils space agency

The new agency, which

aims to bring together previ-

ously un-allied experts in the

field, will also seek to revive

several space facilities that

were mothballed in the

1990's during apartheid rule,

ment of the agency's new structures will mean full op-

erations will only resume in

executive Sandile Malinga

estimated that it would cost

South Africa approximately

600 million rands (86.7 mil-

lion dollars) a year to run the

figures. Our satellites will be

built here at home using local

expertise. We are hoping that

will help reduce cost," said

ria, Algeria and Egypt among

African countries which al-

South Africa joins Nige-

"These are conservative

The agency's interim chief

April 2012.

Malinga.

said a government official. However, the establish-



South Africa's minister for science and technology GNM Pandor unveils the national space agency in Johannesburg

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) -South Africa unveiled its national space agency on Thursday, aiming to become a leader in earth observation technology across the continent in 10 years, the minister of science and technology

"Our combined efforts at enhancing South Africa?s space capabilities will be of immense value to the scientific community in the Southern African region," Naledi Pandor said.

"We believe (the launch of SANSA) will stimulate investment and the local scientific research sector," she added.

The agency, which already has two micro-satellites, will produce timely data imagery to help detect natural disasters and monitor water resources around South Africa and the continent, Pandor said at the launch.

ready have active space agencies.

According to the ministry, South Africa had primarily been a consumer and a net importer of space technolo-

"There is a need to develop systems and sub-systems to support our requirements and to grow the local industry," the ministry said in a statement.

NASA, SpaceX giddy over historic orbit launch

WASHINGTON (AFP) NASA and SpaceX chiefs shook their heads with disbe-lief and joy Wednesday after a perfect launch into orbit and back of the company's Dragon capsule, a historic first for the future of space travel.

Never before has a private enterprise attempted launch its own spacecraft to orbit the Earth and splash back down intact, and SpaceX pulled off the opera-tion perfectly, NASA and company officials said.

The demonstration launch invigorated the US space agency and boosted confidence in the prospect of using commercial vendors to carry astronauts into space and to supply the International supply the Space Station.

"I am sort of in semishock. I wish I could be more articulate at moments like this," said SpaceX founder Elon Musk.

"It blows my mind. It is hard to be articulate with a blown mind," Musk told a NASA press conference.

"This has really been better than I expected," he added. "If there had been people sitting in the Dragon capsule today, they would have had a very nice ride."

The Dragon spacecraft blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida atop the massive Falcon 9 rocket at 1543 GMT.

The bullet-shaped capsule entered orbit about 10 minutes later, then circled the Earth twice before re-entering the atmosphere from low orbit, and splash-landed into the Pacific Ocean at 1904 GMT.

No one was aboard the Dragon space capsule on this flight, but it has room for seven crew and an ample cargo hold that could supply the International Space Station, after NASA closes down its space shuttle program for good next year.

'From all indications it looks like it was 100 percent successful," said Alan Lindenmoyer, manager of the NASA Commercial Crew and Cargo Program.







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US scientists create mice from two fathers



WASHINGTON (AFP) – US scientists have used stem cell technology to create mice from two fathers, an advance that they say could help preserve endangered species and even help same-sex couples have their own genetic children one day.

According to the study published Wednesday in the journal Biology of Reproduction, reproductive scientists in Texas were able to manipulate cells from a male (XY)mouse fetus to produce an induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cell line.

These iPS cells are adult cells that have undergone some genetic reprogramming in order to enter an embryonic stem cell-like state.

Some of the cells that were grown from this new line spontaneously lost their Y chromosome, turning them into XO cells.

Those XO cells were injected into embryos from donor female mice and transplanted into surrogate mouse moms who gave birth to babies with one X chromosome from the original male

Those babies grew and later mated with normal male mice. Their offspring, both male and female, showed genetic contributions from two fathers.

The study was led by Richard R. Berhringer at the MD Anderson Cancer Center. Researchers said that with

a variation of their technique, "it may also be possible to generate sperm from a female donor and produce viable male and female progeny with two mothers."

However, the study cautioned that the ability to replicate the findings in humans was a long way off.

The "generation of human iPS cells still requires significant refinements prior to their use for therapeutic purposes," the study said.

Previous research found ways to create mice without any fathers at all, as well as ways to create mice with two mothers.

Apple releases MacBook Air EFI firmware update 2.0



This week Apple released a firmware update for the new 11-inch and 13-inch MacBook Air models to address problems with booting and responsiveness.

MacBook Firmware Update 2.0 targets two specific issues that Apple says are rare in its latest notebooks: booting to a black screen or simply becoming unresponsive. The update applies to the two newest Air models that Apple announced at its Back to the Mac event in October 2010.

The EFI firmware update is available now via Software Update, even though it has yet to appear on Apple's Support Downloads page. Your Mac-Book Air will need to be connected to its power adapter in order to install the update, and Software Update will automatically restart your Mac to apply the update once it finishes the small 2.3MB down-

Google Android Phones are selling like hotcakes

Google's lead Android developer Andy Rubin tweeted that the company is activating more than 300,000 Android phones each day. This equates to more than 9 million Android phones activated per month, despite reports that the platform's activation numbers were plummeting as of late.

"There are over 300,000 Android phones activated each day," Rubin's landmark announcement message read, just four months after Google said it is activating more than 200,000 phones per day.

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Health & Living

WHO unveils radical new TB diagnosis machine

GENEVA (AFP) – The World Health Organisation on Wednesday unveiled a new "while you wait" test for tuberculosis, that radically cuts down the testing time and detects drug resistant forms of the deadly lung dis-

The desktop computer-

sized automated test machine produces results in 100 minutes instead of up to six weeks of laboratory testing for the TB bacteria, which infects about one-third of the world's population, according to the UN health agency.

The machine analyses a sample of the patient's spittle.

Only half of women over 40 get annual mammograms

Only 50 percent of women over age 40 in the United States get an annual mammogram to screen for breast cancer, even if they have insurance to cover the procedure, a new study finds.

Researchers used a database of more than 12 million people to review medical claims filed between January 2006 and December 2009. All the women included in the study had either employer-provided insurance or Medicare.

The study found that only 50 percent of women ages 40 to 85 had a mammogram in any given year and only 60 percent had two or more mammograms over four years. The average annual mammography rates were 47 percent for women ages 40 to 49, 54 percent for women ages 50 to 64, and 45 percent for those 65 and older.

While the researchers did not examine the reasons why many women don't get annual mammograms, they said there are a number of theories, including discomfort caused by the test; lack of screening centers; and general non-compliance or de-

"What we are doing today at WHO is to endorse the use by countries of a new fully automated rapid test that detects quickly in one hour and 40 minutes tuberculosis and the most difficult forms of tuberculoses," said Mario Raviglione, head of the WHO's Stop TB programme.

This test will transform and revolutionize the way we handle TB care and control," he added.

Raviglione underlined that it could detect hard to treat drug resistant forms and TB associated with HIV/AIDS.

Half a million HIV positive people die from TB each year, a quarter of all AIDS deaths, according to UN-

The WHO has high hopes of improving detection in developing countries, the hardest hit areas.

The number of cases of tuberculosis in the world stabilised last year, with 9.4 million new infections. About 1.7 million people

Indian MP pushes compulsory yoga in schools

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NEW DELHI (AFP) - An MP in India is lobbying for a law that will make yoga compulsory in the country's junior schools, where he says it will help with discipline, fitness and dealing with "computer-related stress'

Satpal Maharaj, 59, from the ruling Congress party, said a recent trip to China had inspired him to push for the law, which would take yoga into India's 217,000 junior schools where children begin their education at around five.

"We saw school children practicing Tai Chi Chuan (martial art) with great discipline in China and I thought, We gave yoga to the world but we are ignoring it in India and we must bring it into our schools'," Maharaj told AFP.

Yoga, involves the prac-

tice of numerous physical postures called asanas and is usually combined with long meditation sessions.

Indian scholars believe yoga dates back 5,000 years, based on archaelogical evidence of poses found inscribed on stones and references to Yogic teachings in the ancient Hindu scriptures.

Maharaj, who represents the constituency of Garhwal in the Himalayan foothills, said yoga could help school children and teachers to deal with age-old problems as well as contemporary ailments.

'Western diseases like computer-related stress have come to India, and yoga at an young age will help reduce these ailments -- and besides, it will also encourage children to attend class," he said.

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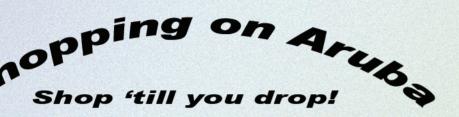
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This puzzle combines two of the most enjoyable forms of word games: crosswords and trivia questions. Start by answering as many of the TRIVIA QUESTIONS as you can. Enter them into the diagram at the indicated locations. Then, use the CROSSWORD CLUES to get crossing letters to help answer more of the QUESTIONS. Keep working back and forth until the diagram is completed. By the way, did you know that, according to a Gallup poll, crosswords are America's favorite indoor game, with over 30 million solvers?

TRIVIA QUESTIONS ACROSS

- 1. What rock band was once the second most profitable corporation on the Stockholm stock exchange?
- 5. Who was Noah's great-greatgreat-great-great-greatgrandfather?
- 14. What Hobbit is the hero of "The Fellowship of the Rings"?
- 18. Leonardo da Vinci designed an early form of what military vehicle?
- 19. The models for what famous painting were Nan Graham and Dr. Byron McKeevee?
- 23. What poet was born in Boston, the son of actors, and was left an orphan before he was three?
- 27. What is Andy Capp's wife's first name?
- 31. What country was once called Chosen?
- 35. What country's flag has the inscription, "God is Great" in
- Arabic 11 times? 40. What was Patty Hearst's "underground" name?
- 46. In what novel and movie did the Piebald win the big race?

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- 8. The British edition of what game includes Trafalgar Square and Marylebone Station
- 9. Whom did Patrick Newell play on "The Avengers"?
- 37. What islands were invaded on April 2, 1982?
- 43. Which was the first bird off Noah's Ark?

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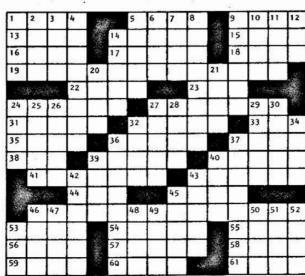
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ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast -- A truck loaded with sacks of cocoa beans arrives at the port in Abidjan. Cocoa futures hit fourmonth highs this week, as fears grew for the stability of top producer Ivory Coast in the wake of disputed presidential elections in the west African nation. Incumbent Laurent Gbagbo has rejected international demands to accept defeat after the electoral commission declared opposition leader Alassane Ouattara the winner of the November 28 election. (AFP PHOTO)



MUMBAI, India -- A pedestrian walks past an advertisement for a mobile phone company offering social networking access using its devices in Mumbai. According to US-based global research firm comScore, India is the seventh largest social networking market, with the audience up 43 percent in the past year. (AFP PHOTO)

Former Parmalat chief gets 18 years in massive fraud trial

MILAN, Italy (AFP) - An Italian court yesterday handed down an 18-year prison sentence against the former chief executive of Parmalat at the close of a trial into one of Europe's biggest fraud scandals.

Calisto Tanzi and other former executives were also ordered to pay the company two billion euros (2.6 billion dollars) and compensate defrauded investors with a sum estimated at around 30 million euros.

Prosecutors had requested a 20-year sentence for Tanzi, the founder of the global food conglomerate and once one of Italy's leading businessmen.

Gerardo Laguardia, a prosecutor, said he was "fully satisfied."

Tanzi, 72, was being tried in Parmalat's home town of Parma in northern Italy for financial crimes with 16 other ex-managers in a case dubbed "Europe's Enron."

The Parmalat scandal seven years ago destroyed the savings of some 135,000 people, left a gaping 14-billion-euro hole in the company's finances and ruined the image of one of Italy's leading business empires.

Its former financial director Fausto Tonna was also sentenced to 14 years in prison. Prosecutors had asked for a nine-and-a-half year term.

At the time of its collapse, Parmalat employed around 36,000 people in 30 countries and was a leading light in the Italian business world.

The scandal broke in December 2003 but investigations showed the group had been in trouble for many years, surviving only on the back of major falsifications of its balance sheets and sophisticated financial instruments.



File picture, taken on April 11, 2006 shows Parmalat Chairman and founder Calisto Tanzi during his trial with his family and 15 other people, including several company administrators, at the Milan courthouse.

Iceland to repay the Netherlands, Britain in Icesave failure

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - Iceland is to repay the Netherlands and Britain the full amount that they advanced to their citizens who lost money in the failure of the Icelandic bank Icesave, the Dutch finance ministry said yesterday. It said the repayments would begin in July 2016

"There will be a full reimbursement of all the amounts

pre-financed by the Netherlands and Britain ... to compensate national depositors in Icesave," Dutch Finance Minister Jan Cees de Jager said in a letter to the lower house of parliament.

He added that the repayment period not extend beyond January 1, 2046.

De Jager cautioned that "the Icesave saga is still not over,"

notably as the deal must be approved by the parliament, the president and the government of Iceland.

De Jager described the accord as "an important step in the process (as) ... all the Icelandic negotiators initialed the agreement."

The agreement, worked out in talks in London Wednesday among the three countries, calls for the Netherlands to receive a total of 1.3 billion euros (1.7 billion dollars) with an interest rate of 3.0 percent.

The finance minister did not specify the amount to be paid to Britain but said the interest rate would be 3.3 percent.

PayPal releases WikiLeaks funds, restricts account

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Pay-Pal is releasing all of the remaining funds in an account set up to raise money for Wiki-Leaks, but it will no longer accept donations for the site.

John Muller, PayPal's general counsel, announced the move in a blog post late Wednesday in which he said PayPal's decision to restrict the WikiLeaks account was not the result of any pressure from the US government.

Besides PayPal, Mastercard and Visa have also suspended WikiLeaks accounts, choking off donations to the website that has been releasing confidential and embarrassing US diplomatic cables.

The move has triggered cyber attacks in recent days on the websites of the Internet payment and credit card companies by supporters of WikiLeaks.

Muller said "media reports" had "created confusion about PayPal's decision to permanently restrict the account that was raising funds for WikiLeaks."

He said PayPal is obliged to comply with international law and company policy bars use of the service "if it encourages, promotes, facilitates or instructs others to engage in illegal activity."





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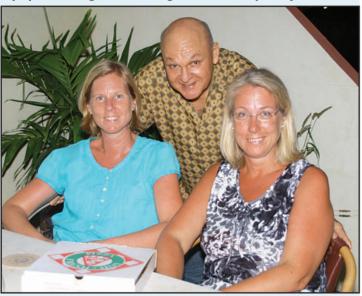


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Popular Pizza Bob's is perfect for casual dining



A popular hangout with Eagle Beach temporary residents



Swedish sisters Sharla and Carolina are huge fans of Pizza Bob's

Everyone has those nights when they want an easy, casual meal, and among denizens of the Eagle Beach area, their favorite place for fun food and friendly surroundings is Pizza Bob's, right next to the Bucuti

Beach resort parking lot. Maitre D' Alex adores welcoming his abundant repeat clientele, being five minutes walk from most of Aruba's timeshares has made the place a prime eatery among families with healthy appetites. Their pizza is modeled on the classic thin crust typical of Chicago's Southside, and the secret recipe of a famous pizzeria since 1957, which we dare not name as we might get whacked!

While checking out the locale, Alex introduced us to Sharla and Caroline from Sweden, frequent visitors to Aruba who can't imagine a vacation without several dinner stops at Pizza Bob's. This was the general consensus of all the guests who we spoke with during our time there; all make it a multiple meal choice during their vacation. "I have one couple from Germany who eat here every night of their vacation," confessed Alex, "they are like family to us!"

Aside from the famous pizzas, the menu features very tasty barbecue, a personal favorite of Caroline, lasagna, Fresh Vegetable Linguini and huge salads that can be shared by two, plus a personal favorite for dessert, "Death by Chocolate." They do sport an air-conditioned dining room, which is popular at lunch time to escape the tropical mid-day sun, but nighttime is the right time to enjoy their outdoor terrace and great music from noted island singer Tommy every Wednesday and Saturday night, which converts the eatery into a congenial hangout until closing

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Soul legend Aretha Franklin has cancer: reports

LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) - Soul legend Aretha Franklin has cancer and underwent surgery last week, media reported Wednesday, after she canceled engagements for the near future.

Fox 2 News in Detroit cited a relative as saying the 68year-old "Queen of Soul" is doing "OK," but that the family is very concerned, and is asking for supporters to send their thoughts and prayers.

Representatives Franklin, who rose from singing gospel to top charts in the 1960s and 1970s with hits like "Respect," "Think" and "Chain of Fools," did not im-





Aretha Louise Franklin born on March 25, 1942 in Memphis, TN

mediately respond to requests for confirmation.

Fox 2 News quoted Franklin herself as saying she had "highly successful" surgery last week. "God is still in control. I had superb doctors and nurses whom were blessed by all the prayers of the city and the country," she said.

The Detroit News mean-

while reported the singer had pancreatic cancer, which has the highest mortality rate of all major cancers, killing around 95 percent of patients within five years of diagnosis."Dirty Dancing" star Patrick Swayze died from the same form of cancer in September last year.

Franklin canceled a number of concerts in October citing "health reasons," while in early November, doctors ordered her to cancel all engagements for the next six months, according to the Detroit News.

Arguably the most influential female singer in the United States in her lifetime, Franklin's powerful, bell-clear voice is unmistakable, from a whisper to full-gospel-choir force that stretched over four octaves.

It has influenced the styles of two generations or more of divas, from Mariah Carey and Whitney Houston -- whose mother was a backup singer for Franklin -- to Alicia Keys, Beyonce, Mary J. Blige and Amy Winehouse.

Franklin has continued belting out her old hits into her 60s, and issuing both old and new collections of recordings that still sold strongly 40 years after "Respect" earned her the Queen of Soul title in 1967.

She gave a stirring rendition of US anthem "Let Freedom Ring" at President Barack Obama's inauguration in Janu-

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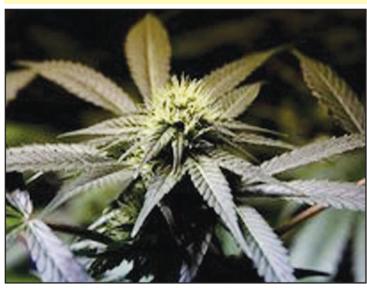
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German police seize marijuana **Christmas** tree



A bud grows on a marijuana plant.

BERLIN, Germany (AFP) -A two-meter (six-foot) marijuana plant decorated as a Christmas tree was confiscated from the home of "an old hippie," who is now facing a drug possession charge, German police said.

In a tongue-in-cheek press release titled "All you need is love or how a hippie celebrates Christmas," police in the western city of Koblenz said they discovered the giant plant in the living room of the

"The two-meter-tall marijuana plant had been put in a Christmas tree stand and decorated with a string of lights," the police said.

"When asked, the ashish fan told the perplexed officers that he had intended to add more decorations to the 'tree' and place the presents under it, according to tradition."

Police seized the plant and another 150 grams (5.3

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Maidana set to face wrath of confident Khan



(L to R) Victor Ortiz, Amir Khan, Marcos Maidana and Lamont Peterson arrive at the Mandalay Bay resort. (AFP photo)

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Britain's Amir Khan plans to wake up American boxing fans to his skills on his Las Vegas debut on Saturday by turning out the lights on Marcos Maidana's title dreams.

Khan will defend his World Boxing Association super-lightweight title against the Argentine mandatory challenger in what is expected to be the first step toward unifying titles in the division.

Khan, 23-1 with 17 knockouts, will face Maidana, 29-1 with 27 knockouts, for the right to tackle the winner of January's fight between unbeaten US fighters Devon Alexander, 21-0 with 13 knockouts, and Tim Bradley, 26-0 with 11 knockouts.

Three titles could be at stake when the final show-down comes later next year, but on his way to getting there, Khan wants to promote his own reputation among American fight fans.

"When I win this fight convincingly, people will realise how good Amir Khan is," said Khan, who turned 24 on Wednesday.

Khan suffered his only

loss in 2008 when knocked out by Colombia's Breidis Prescott, a defeat that taught him not to predict knockouts, but simply fight a strong tactical bout and break known his opponent.

"That defeat gave me a wake-up call," Khan said. "It was a blessing in disguise... I will be ready for anything."

Khan's trainer, veteran Freddie Roach, does not see his man dropping even one round, and much less losing his crown.

"We haven't lost one round

since we have been together. I don't see us losing a round here either," Roach said.

"I think (Khan) will knock him out in the later rounds."

Maidana, 27, has retired 22 of his 27 foes in three rounds or less.

He has four victories since losing his first world title fight last year to Andre Kotelnik, the man Khan beat five months later to claim the crown.

"I'm hungry to get the title," Maidana said. "I'm ready for anything."

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Materazzi says Zidane handshake happened

ROME (AFP) - Former Italy defender Marco Materazzi has confirmed that a meeting and handshake between himself and Zinedine Zidane in Milan last month did take place.

The pair have had a long-running feud since the 2006 World Cup final when Zidane was sent-off for headbutting Materazzi in the chest.

That was the then France captain's last ever professional match as a player and he later claimed he had reacted to slurs the Italian directed against his sister.

Last month, ahead of Milan's Champions League clash against Real Madrid at the San Siro, a Spanish journalist claimed to have seen the pair shake hands and make up at a Milan hotel, although Zidane later denied this.

But now Materazzi claims that such an exchange did indeed take place.

"I was leaving the hotel when someone came and stopped me and said there was a problem," he told Mediaset.

"They said that Zidane was parking right next to my car. I replied that I didn't see a problem.

"I went out and found myself in front of Zidane so I took the opportunity to say some things to him, things that he and I know and that will stay between us.

"Let's say that it was I who spoke most and at the end when he extended his hand to me I clasped it and didn't let go until he looked me properly in the eye.

"That's what I wanted and that's how it went."

Chinese basketball league to open with NBA bang

BEIJING (AFP) – A group of former NBA players led by one-time All-Star Stephon Marbury hope to woo fans with high-flying dunks, fast breaks and stellar play when the Chinese Basketball Association league opens Friday.

Besides Marbury, fellow former NBA All-Star Steve Francis, one-time NBA slam dunk champion Fred Jones and high-scoring shooting guards Ricky Davis and Mike Harris have all signed on to Chinese clubs for the 2010-2011 CBA season.

Observers will be keen to



Stephon Marbury

see whether Marbury, who captivated the league last season with his three-point shooting for the Shanxi Brave Dragons and his MVP honours at CBA All-Star Game, can shine for his new team in Foshan.

In an effort to kick off sales of his "Starbury" shoe line to China's 1.3 billion people, Marbury in November re-signed with Shanxi.

But the 33-year-old, who made national headlines in

the US for his ugly spat with the New York Knicks a few years ago, last week was unceremoniously dumped for salary "reasons" and an inability to guarantee fitness.

That did not deter the former Knick, who immediately signed with rivals Foshan Dragon Lions.

Resurrection will also be the watchword for Francis, who will suit up this season for the Beijing Ducks and is known throughout China as "Folaoda" ("Big Brother Fo") for when he played with Chinese superstar Yao Ming on the NBA Houston Rockets.

It is uncertain whether the legs of the often injured 33-year-old once known as "Stevie Franchise" will carry him to higher heights, especially with the bottom-dwelling Ducks.

The nine-year NBA veteran, who averaged 19 points a game over his career, has still not arrived in Beijing and is expected in the capital next week after the 32-game sea-

son starts.

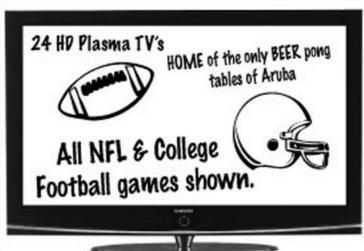
The signings come after the CBA waived a 60,000dollar monthly salary limit on foreign players, a move aimed at attracting better talent and in turn generating more fan excitement and injecting new energy into the league.

Jones, 31, a seven-year NBA veteran who played for many teams including the Knicks, will lace up his sneakers with reigning CBA champions Guangdong Hongyuan, winners of six of the last seven league titles.

The 31-year-old Davis, an 11-year NBA veteran, will take his 13.5 points a game average to the Jiangsu Dragons, as the club seeks to win its first-ever CBA championship after years among the league's elite.

The most important signings could accrue to the deep-pocketed Xinjiang Guanghui, a club in westernmost China's Xinjiang region that has made the CBA finals the last two seasons.





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Roddick returns to US Davis Cup squad

NEW YORK (AFP) - Former world number one Andy Roddick will play for the US Davis Cup squad in 2011 after skipping the event this year, the US Tennis Association announced on Thursday.

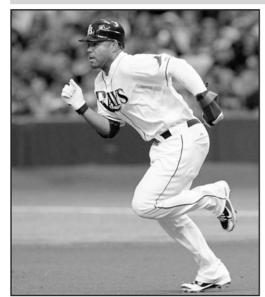
Roddick will join new coach Jim Courier when the Americans visit Chile for a first-round tie on the red clay of Santiago on March 4-6.

"I'm very excited to be back," Roddick said. "Davis Cup is something you should commit to for the entire season and not when it's convenient. Trying to win the Davis Cup again is a top priority for me in 2011."

Roddick, whose only Grand Slam singles crown came at the 2003 US Open, is 31-11 in Davis Cup matches, second only to John McEnroe's US-record 41 triumphs in singles matches. Roddick helped the Americans claim the trophy in 2007.

Red Sox and Crawford reach 142 million-dollar deal

Texas.



BOSTON (AFP) - Outfielder Carl Crawford has reached a seven-year Major League Baseball deal with the Boston Red Sox that will pay him 142 million dollars in a club record-setting contract.

The 29-yearold free agent became the first Red Sox player to average 20 million dollars a season and the first with a seven-year deal current under owner Henry, also partowner of Liverpool of the English Premier League.

Crawford, a four-time all-star, batted .307 with 19 home runs

and 90 runs batted in last season for the Tampa Bay Rays, stealing 47 bases and scoring 110 times as well as leading the American League with 13 triples.

The Red Sox failed to

make the playoffs while the AL East division-rival Rays, who reached the World Series in 2008, won the division before losing in the playoffs to eventual league champion dollar term tory. In ann fielders, it one-year Ramirez years.

Crawford matched a Major League Baseball record in 2009 by stealing six bases in a single game - against Boston.

The deal, still pending a physical to be finalized, would be the sixth-largest in

dollar terms in baseball history

In annual salary for outfielders, it would trail only a one-year deal for Manny Ramirez worth 22.5 million dollars from the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Boston obtained first baseman Adrian Gonzalez in a trade with San Diego earlier in the week, adding even more punch to their batting lineup for the 2011 campaign.

Yankees, Jeter finalize 51-million-dollar deal

TAMPA (AFP) - The New York Yankees and captain Derek Jeter have finalized a 51-million-dollar, three-year contract, and both sides vowed Tuesday to move on after sometimes contentious negotiations.

Shortstop Jeter and the club had reportedly reached a preliminary agreement Saturday on the deal, which also includes a player option for 2014.

Jeter, who has become the face of the storied franchise over the past decade, was coming off a 189-million-dollar, 10-year contract.

The Yankees initially offered him a 45-million-dollar, three-year deal.

Jeter had a .270 batting average with 10 homers last season, down from a .334 average and 18 homers the prior



Shortstop Derek Jeter of the New York Yankees (2L) shakes hands with General Manager Brian Cashman (2R) during a press conference

campaign.

While his RBIs increased by one to 67, his on-base percentage fell from .406 to .340 and his slugging average dropped from .465 to .370.

After negotiations that

were more acrimonious than many expected, Jeter - who originally wanted a four- or five-year deal - will get an average of about 16 million dollars a season.

The player option can escalate depending on various bonus scenarios, including on his finish in American League Most Valuable Player voting, league championship series MVP voting, Gold Glove or Silver Slugger awards.

Jeter admitted on Tuesday that he was angered during the talks when some of the details of the discussions leaked to the media.

"The thing that probably bothered me the most was how public this became," he said. "The negotiations were suppose to be private. It was an uncomfortable position I felt that I was in."



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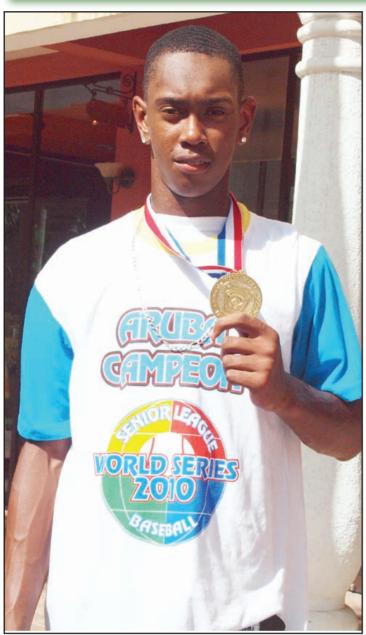
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Aruba's Senior League pitcher Shawn Duinkerk signed by the Oakland A's



Shawn Duinkerk showing his medal of the World Series

It has been an historic year in baseball for Aruba's San Nicolas LLC Senior League team, which took the Latin American Championships for the second year in a row and went on to win the World Series in Bangor, Maine in Au-An outstanding performance during the final games of both tournaments by pitcher Shawn Duinkerk, only 16 years old at the time, attracted the attention of scouts from the U.S. Major Leagues, and the 6'4" player signed with the Oakland A's on December 2, 2010.

Shawn's father Roberto reports he was approached by scouts from Boston, Houston, Baltimore and New York Major League teams. Shawn settled on the Oakland offer as the most attractive because it included a scholarship and a program that requires him to train and study at the same

During the championships, Shawn proved to be an outstanding all around player, not only as a pitcher but in a fielding position and first base while quite effective when coming to bat. During the final game of the World Series, he gave up only one run and five hits, while managing to connect twice at bat and bring in three runs. He threw a total of only 9 pitches for the 3rd and 4th innings combined; Aruba defeated the Bangor, Maine home team 8 to 1.

"The Oakland A's scout told us he had an eye on Shawn since seeing him in the Junior League Championships in Mexico in 2009," says his mother Carmen speaking of when Aruba claimed second place in that World Series. "He told us he liked the way Shawn conducted himself on the field, and how well he handled many different positions. We are all very excited for Shawn and he is determined to do well; he feels he is ready for this."

Upon completing his education at Colegio Arubano San Nicolas, the equivalent of high school, in July 2011, Shawn will travel to Santo Domingo for four months of training and then return to Aruba for a visit before going on to the Oakland A's camp in Arizona.



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Holyfield books "Tank" as tuneup for Danish

SULPHR SPRINGS (AFP) - Former heavyweight world champion Evander Holyfield will fight Sherman "Tank" Williams next month as a tuneup for his March bout in Copenhagen against Dane Brian Nielsen.

Holyfield, who turned 48 last month, is trying to become the oldest man to capture a major heavyweight crown, surpassing the mark set by George Foreman when he stopped Michael Moorer for the title in 1994 at age 45.

Holyfield, 43-10 with two drawn and 28 knockouts, will face 38-year-old Bahamas big man Williams, 34-11 with two drawn, on January 22 at the Greenbrier

Four-time heavyweight champion Holyfield is then set to fight Brian Nielsen, 45, on March 5 in Denmark.

US veteran Holyfield, who lost the undisputed heavyweight crown to Britain's now-retired Lennox Lewis in 1999, has vowed to keep fighting until he regains a major world title.

Last April, Holyfield won for the first time since June, 2007, by stopping South African Frans Botha, then

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